

# Y10 Partnership Evening

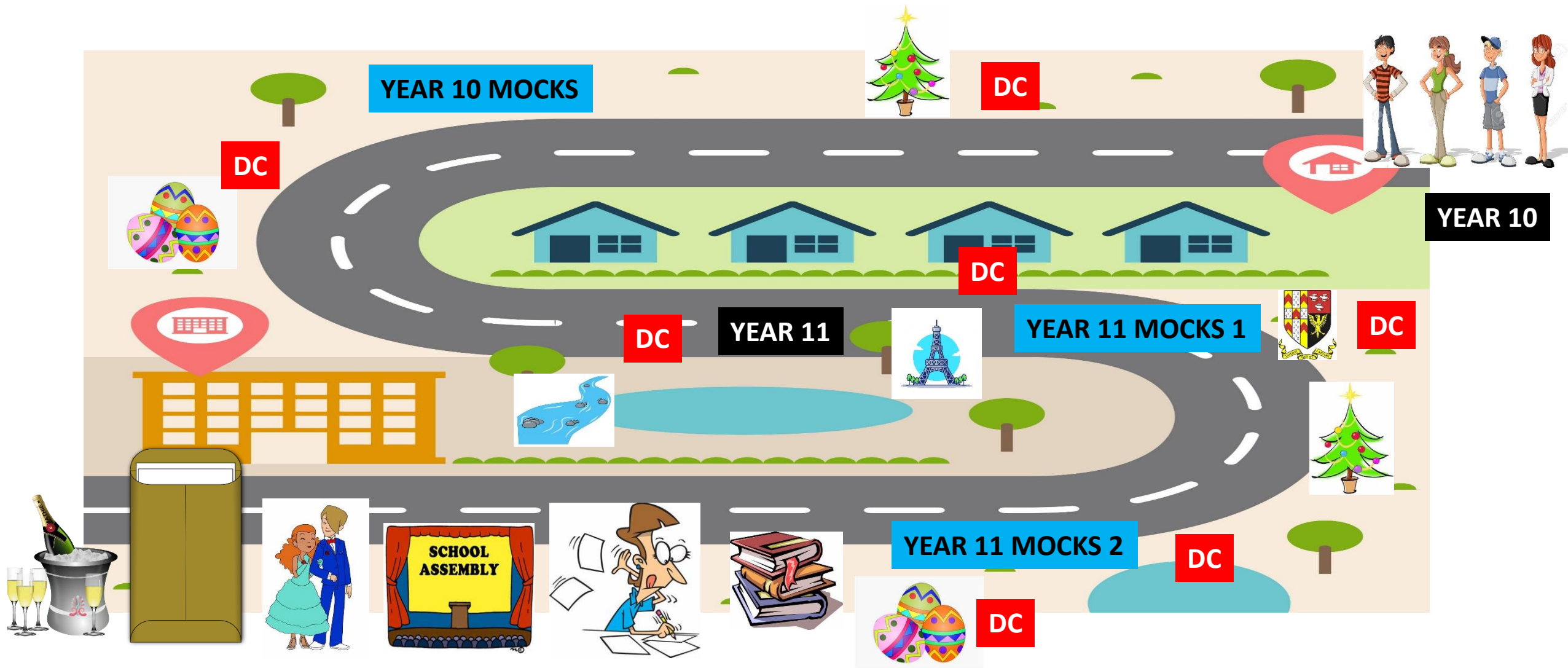
**September 2025**

# Focus Topics

1. **Destination - Summer 2027**
2. **Target Grades**
3. **The Now & The Then**
4. **Key Dates**
5. **Realities in the Classroom**
6. **Beyond the Classroom**



# Looking To Summer 2027...



# Destination - Summer 2025 (for you 2027)

**A big part of my Summer 2027 - and yours - will be Exam Results Day...**

**This will not be your child's day - it will be the family's too...**

**They'll get their brown envelope and there will be a collective holding of breath...**

**THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 2027**



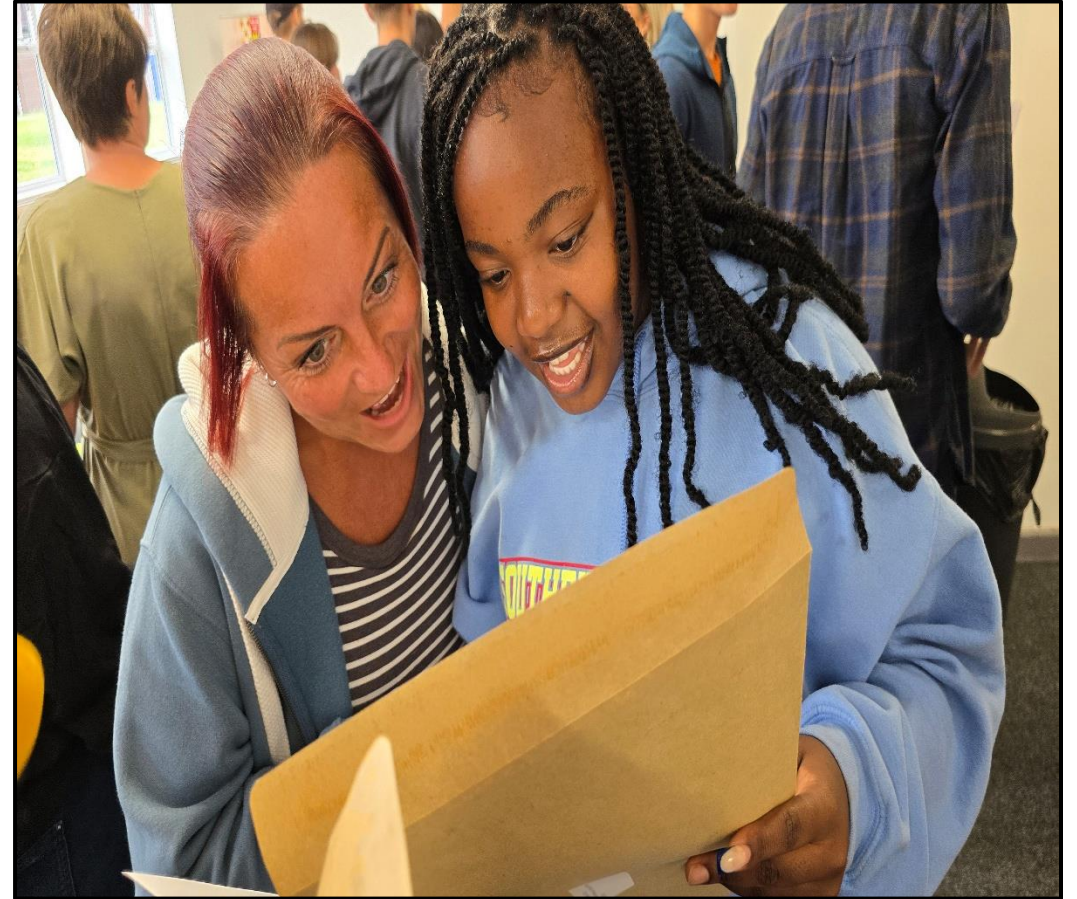


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# Your Child Has Every Chance...

Progress 8	1.0-									+1.00
	+0.9									
	+0.8								+0.86	
	+0.7							+0.72		
	+0.6				+0.60			+0.67		
	+0.5									
	+0.4									
	+0.3		+0.32							
	+0.2			+0.27						
	+0.1									
	0.00									
	-0.01	-0.08								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Progress 8										

# Target Grades vs Real Grades

GCSE	Vocational	Standard	Old Money
9	L2 Distinction *	High	A*
8			
7	L2 Distinction		A
6	L2 Merit		B
5		Strong	
4	L2 Pass	Standard	C
3			D/E
2			E/F
1			FG
U	U	Fail	U

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# How We Usually Set Target Grades...

They are based on the expectations the government have of your child.

They stem from the Y6 SATs results your child got and say what your child should (statistically) get by the end of Year 11.

We also used CATs scores to re-jig if it looked like a child had messed up their SATs and actually had more potential.

They are great for teachers to have a good idea on where your child stands and we try and tempt your child to aim for the higher grade.

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# COVID Guess-Work...

**You might here there is guess work due to COVID but your child sat their SATS and we balanced their performance their with CATs in school too.**

**Consequently, your child's target grades give you a good induction of their school baseline - but there is no reason they cannot go miles higher !**

**We'll be tracking them carefully and we'll be supporting them to hit their maximum heights each step along the way.**



# Changes to Targets - Meet John Smith...

Y10-Y11 Subjects	Old Target	End of Y9 Predicted Grade	Y10 - New Target
Art	6.10	6	6
English Language	4.20	6	7
English Literature	4.20	6	7
French	5.30	7	7
Health & Social Care	N/A	N/A	L2D
History	5.60	7+	7
Maths	5.70	6	6
Religious Education	6.10	7	8
Science - Combined	5.80	6	65

# Why Is This Important To You ?

The target grades give you an idea **where your child is heading.**

It can help inform you whether they can **realistically apply for courses** at Sixth Forms, apprenticeships , colleges, etc.

You can **talk to your child** about where their grades are and where they can be.



You can **even tell them this target is rubbish** and you know they can beat them !



# Takeaways from Summer 2025...

Attendance is King:

95%+ = 1½ grades higher than expected...

90-95% = 1 grade higher than expected...

↓ 90% = ½ grades less than expected...

158/198 (40) of students were above expected progress...

GCSE	9-7	9-5	9-4
English	30.2%	82.3%	91.4% (17)
Maths	22.7%	71.2%	85.9% (28)

Friary Sixth Form	104	53%
Other Sixth Form	2	1%
College	84	42%
Apprenticeships	3	1%
Employment	0	0
Scholarship	4	2%
Alternative Learning	1	1%
Total students	198	100%

# Target to Reality - Friary Sixth Form ?

<b>3 A-Levels</b>	<b>8 GCSE-Level Courses at Grade 4+ with 6 of them at Grade 6+</b>
<b>2 A-Levels &amp; 1 Vocational</b>	<b>8 GCSE-Level Courses at Grade 4+ with 4-5 of them at Grade 6+</b>
<b>2 Vocational &amp; 1 A-Level</b>	<b>5-7 GCSE Level Courses at Grade 4+ with Maths &amp; English at Grade 5 and 3 at Grade 6</b>
<b>3 Vocational</b>	<b>5-7 GCSE Level Courses at Grade 4+ with 2 at Grade 6</b>

**LIFE IS SELECTIVE**

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# Target to Reality - Beauty at College ?

<b>Level 3 College Course in Beauty Therapy (2 year)</b>	<b>GCSE English Language &amp; Maths at Grade 4 plus the Level 2 Course</b>
<b>Level 2 College Course in Beauty Therapy (1 year)</b>	<b>3 GCSEs at Grade 4+ - if you do not have a Grade 4 in English &amp; Maths you have to re-take them</b>
<b>Level 1 College Course in Beauty Therapy (1 year)</b>	<b>Grade 2+ in GCSE English &amp; Maths (and you would have to re-take them to get a Grade 4)</b>
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# Target to Reality - Plumbing at College ?

<b>Level 3 College Course in Plumbing (2 year)</b>	<b>Completion of Level 2 Plumbing Course</b>
<b>Level 2 College Course in Plumbing (2 year)</b>	<b>Grade 4 in GCSE English &amp; Maths or the Completion of Level 1 Plumbing Course</b>
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# What Is My Child Doing in School ?

English, Maths & Science get **8** lessons per fortnight.

French, Geography & History usually get **5** per fortnight.

The rest get **4** per fortnight...

ICT and PE are **1** lesson per week...

The week is less varied as it is just those Pathway choices - but it has more of what they like...

Measure	Start of Y10
Terms	5 ½ terms
Weeks	68 weeks
Days	335 days
Lessons	1675 lessons
Maths Lessons	272 lessons
'Option' Lessons	136 lessons

# Autumn Term 2025...

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Half-Term - 38 Days</b>	
<b>W/B 1 Sept</b>	
<b>W/B 8 Sept</b>	<b>Y10 Partnership Evening</b>
<b>W/B 15 Sept</b>	
<b>W/B 22 Sept</b>	
<b>W/B 29 Sept</b>	
<b>W/B 6 Oct</b>	<b>Garrick House Week</b>
<b>W/B 13 Oct</b>	<b>Y10 ACE Meetings</b>
<b>W/B 20 Oct</b>	
<b>Half-Term</b>	

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Half-Term - 34 Days</b>	
<b>W/B 3 Nov</b>	
<b>W/B 10 Nov</b>	
<b>W/B 17 Nov</b>	<b>Seward House Week</b>
<b>W/B 24 Nov</b>	
<b>W/B 1 Dec</b>	<b>Y10 Data Check 1</b>
<b>W/B 8 Dec</b>	<b>Y10 ACE Meetings</b>
<b>W/B 15 Dec</b>	<b>House Celebrations 1</b>
<b>Xmas Holidays</b>	

# Spring Term 2026...

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Spring Half-Term - 30 Days</b>	
<b>W/B 5 Jan</b>	
<b>W/B 12 Jan</b>	
<b>W/B 19 Jan</b>	
<b>W/B 26 Jan</b>	
<b>W/B 2 Feb</b>	<b>Y10 ACE Meetings Darwin House Week</b>
<b>W/B 9 Feb</b>	<b>Y10 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Half-Term - 25 Days</b>	
<b>W/B 23 Feb</b>	<b>Y10 Employability</b>
<b>W/B 2 Mar</b>	
<b>W/B 9 Mar</b>	
<b>W/B 16 Mar</b>	<b>Y10 Data Check 2 Y10 ACE Meetings</b>
<b>W/B 23 Mar</b>	<b>House Celebrations 2</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	

# Summer Term 2026...

1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Half-Term - 28 Days	
W/B 13 April	
W/B 20 April	
W/B 27 April	
W/B 5 May	
W/B 11 May	GCSE Exams...
W/B 18 May	GCSE Exams...
Half-Term	

2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Half-Term - 34½ Days	
W/B 1 June	GCSE Exams...
W/B 8 June	GCSE Exams...
W/B 15 June	Y10 Mock Exam Week
W/B 22 June	
W/B 29 June	Y10 Data Check Y10 ACE Meetings Last Sports Day
W/B 6 July	Last Summer Sizzler Last Rewards Day Y10 Reports
W/B 14 July	House Celebrations 3
Summer Holidays	



# Y10 Changes - Disappearing Friends...

**Your child has spent 3 years with X-Half or Y-Half...**

**This meant they only met half the Year group...This disappears in Year 10 - now they meet everyone...**

**They may not have friends in their class - they need to get on with this...**

**They are never more than 2hrs away from a break... And all classes have seating plans...**



**And note their classes will likely change in Year 11 too !**

# Y10 Changes - A Different Teacher...

**There is no guarantee they will have the same teacher next year...**

**Do not expect continuity... Even if the teacher is still at the school...**

**There are lots from reasons why we move teachers around...**

**What works for the school one year, doesn't necessarily work the next year...**

**Our goal is always the best provision for every child - not the preference of one...**



# Y10 Changes - Going Large...

**Your child may have class sizes of  
50...**

**This may sound counter-productive  
- it is not...**

**Maths (Sets 2 & 3)... Science (Sets 2  
& 3)... French (Higher Paper)...**

**This approach has already reaped  
huge rewards - this is why we have  
rolled it out each year...**



**TEACHER A**



**TEACHER B**

# Y10 Changes - Stresses & Strains...

**GCSEs are a step up and the level and quantity of work can be a challenges.**

**We work hard to balance it and steer your child through - but at times they will get overloaded...**

**Talk to us - tell us - we can re-jig...**

**Please don't leap to promises that are unhelpful, unrealistic or detrimental...**

**If we work it out together we work it out better...**

Course	Exams
GCSE English Language	3
GCSE English Literature	3
GCSE Maths	3
GCSE Science	6 (9)
GCSE History	3
GCSE Geography	3
GCSE French	4

**The main exam period is 4 weeks.**

**Vocational exams could be thrown  
int the pressure now too !**

# A Hopeless School...

One of the main reasons why our results are stronger than most schools is because we go further than other schools...

I talk to our staff about us being a **hopeless school**...

We do all we can - we do not to leave things to hope...

We try and leave no stone unturned to get children over their line...

**We don't always succeed** - but we pursue this goal across the board...





# Looking Ahead - Boosters & Drop Down Days

**As you roll through the next two years you will hear these terms a lot...**

**As we head into Year 11 after-school boosters will be on every night...**

**If an exam is coming up we might suspend your child's timetable for the day and blitz that one subject...**

**We need you to help to get your children to the sessions...**

**We'll let you know as things happen...**





# Looking Ahead - Saturday & Holiday Schools

There will be increasing Saturday Schools tied to exams - so they will increase over time.

They usually run between 9.00am-11.00am - set times and subjects will be published in advanced.

They are optional - unless we tell a student to come.

They are tied to specific subjects.

They are non-school uniform and are free.

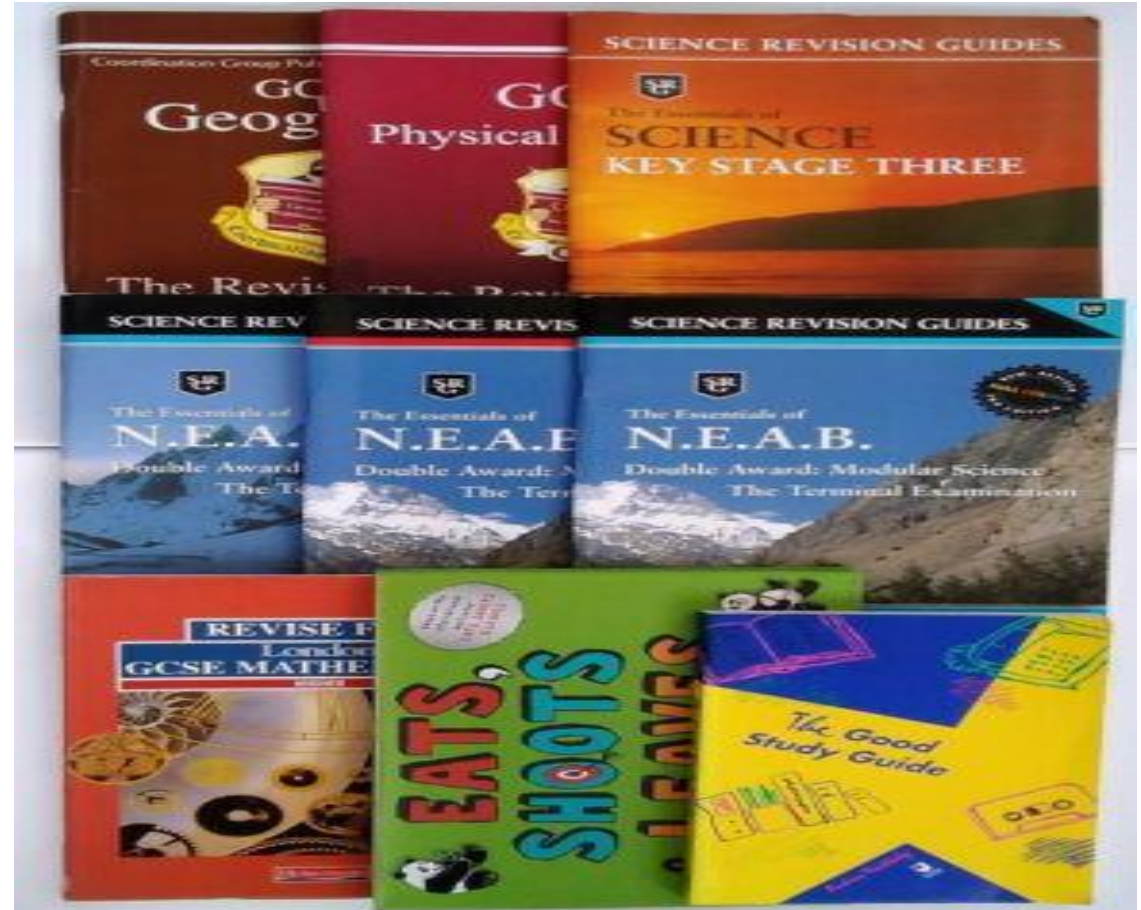


# Looking Ahead - Getting Revision Guides

Information will be circulated on these and some will then appear on Parent Pay where you can get them at set times.

Following our guidance - we will ensure you get the right one.

Look to sort our revision cards, highlighters, coloured writing pens, etc.



# Looking Ahead - Exam Concessions

**Your child may get checked for exam concessions - but to ensure we test as many children as we need you may not be told in advance.**

**These are standard tests to see if a child qualifies for extra time in exams, etc. It could be for reasoning speed, processing, etc.**

**It is nothing to worry about - if support is available then we will let you know.**



# There's More To Life...

We offer clubs, sports, shows, debating, Duke of Edinburgh, field trips, charity work, student leadership, visits, speakers, National Citizen Service...

The outlet of out-of-lesson activities often links to success in school - **passivity in spare time can lead to passivity in school...**





Life is what you make it. Always  
has been, always will be.

Eleanor Roosevelt

# Next Sessions...

You have two optional session to go to:

**Break-Out Session 1: 6.30pm to 6.45pm**

**Break-Out Session 2: 6.45pm to 7.00pm**

**Both are repeated.**

Session	Location	Staff
GCSE English & Maths	G2	Mr Daniels (English) Ms Simpson (Maths)
Vocational Subjects	Library	Mr Foster (Head of Performance & Technologies) Ms Fallows (BTEC Lead)
Trips, Visits & Experiences	Sixth Form Centre	Ms Hearn (Deputy Headteacher)
Apprenticeships	G7	Ms Barratt (Assistant Headteacher)